

**CLAIMS**

1. A method of sending an electronic mail (e-mail) message, comprising, under the control of a mail user agent:

having a user providing an indication of e-mail  
5 addresses of intended message recipients (405-415), and

based on said indication by the user, generating (605)  
a list of destination e-mail addresses(600), and

causing the message to be electronically delivered to  
each of the e-mail addresses in the list,

10 characterised by comprising:

enabling the user (420) providing an indication of at  
least one excluded e-mail address, and

modifying (625,630) the list so that the message is not  
delivered to the at least one excluded e-mail address.

- 15 2. The method of claim 1, in which said act of having the user providing an indication of e-mail addresses of intended message recipients includes having the user globally specifying at least one pre-defined group (GROUPa) of e-mail addresses, and said act of generating the list includes  
20 putting in the list each of the e-mail addresses of the globally-specified group.

3. The method of claim 1 or 2, in which said act of enabling the user to provide an indication of at least one excluded e-mail address includes having the user globally specifying  
25 at least one pre-defined group (GROUPb) of e-mail addresses to be excluded, and said act of modifying the list includes removing from the list each of the e-mail addresses of the globally-specified group of e-mail addresses to be excluded.

4. A computer program directly loadable into a working memory (207) of a computer (105a-105f), for actuating the method according to any one of the preceding claims when the program is executed.

5 5. A computer program product comprising a computer readable media on which the computer program of claim 4 is stored.

6. A computer (105a) programmed to enable a computer user exchanging electronic mail (e-mail) messages with other computer users (105b-105f) in a computer network (110),  
10 comprising:

a user-interface software module (300) enabling the user to prepare an e-mail message, the user-interface software module including first input means for enabling (405-415,440-450) the user to provide an indication of  
15 e-mail addresses of intended message recipients, and second input means (420,455) for enabling the user providing an indication of at least one excluded e-mail address to be excluded from the list of destination e-mail addresses;

a message compiler software module (325) for generating  
20 (605) a list of destination e-mail addresses(600), said list being generated by including all the addresses provided by the user through the first input means, and removing from the list all the addresses provided by the user through the second input means;

25 a communication manager software module (330) for causing the message to be delivered to each address in the list.

7. The computer of claim 6, further comprising an address book manager software module (320) enabling the user to:

create user-defined groups of prescribed recipient  
30 e-mail addresses, and

providing the indication of the e-mail addresses intended message recipients and/or the indication of the at least one excluded e-mail address to be excluded from the list of destination e-mail addresses by globally  
5 instantiating a respective user-defined group.